

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-7

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been allowed.

Claims 8 and 10-17

Claims 8, 12, and 15 are independent claims, from which claims 10-11, 13-14, and 16-17 ultimately depend. The Examiner has objected to claims 8, 12, and 15 as not producing a tangible result, in that it does not include the following limitation of claim 1 that provides for a tangible result: renaming a data file of a computer system while permitting lock-free look-ups to the data file by utilizing the temporary record to which look-ups to the data file are directed while the data file is being renamed.

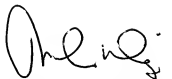
Applicant has amended claims 8, 12, and 15 to in essence include this limitation of claim 1, and therefore requests the withdrawal of this objection and the allowance of claims 8 and 10-17.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Mike Dryja, Applicants' Attorney, at 425-427-5094, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. **Applicant particularly requests that the Examiner call Mr. Dryja if there are any minor issues that can be resolved over the phone and/or by Examiner's amendment, instead of issuing another office action, so that this patent application can issue as a patent without undue delay.** For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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